Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

March 2013

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended March 16, 2013, there were 547,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan during March 2013, an increase of 1,500 from February 2013 and 25,700 more than the number employed in March 2012.

Agricultural employment was 41.5 persons in March 2013, up 1,100 from the February 2013 level and 7,600 more than the March 2012 agricultural employment level of 33,900. Non-agricultural employment was 506.2 persons in March 2013. This is an increase of 400 from the February 2013 non-agriculture employment level of 505.8 and 18,100 more than March 2012.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for March 2013 was 4.0 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the February 2013 rate of 3.8 percent but 1.1 percentage points lower than the March 2012 level of 5.1 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 2,700 to 570,500 persons in March 2013 from 567,800 persons in February 2013. This is 20,200 more than the March 2012 labour force of 550,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.2 percentage points to 69.5 percent in March 2013 from 69.3 percent in February 2013. The March 2012 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.2 percent.

There were 22,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during March 2013. This is an increase of 1,100 from February 2013 but is 5,500 less than the number unemployed in March 2012.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 554,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in March 2013, up 2,400 from the February 2013 level of 552,300 and is up 24,500 from the March 2012 employment level of 530,200 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2013 was 3.9 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the February 2013 rate of 3.8 percent but 0.9 percentage points lower than the March 2012 rate of 4.8 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 60,700 persons in March 2013 to 17,348,300 persons from 17,409,000 persons in February 2013. In March 2012, there were 17,148,200 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.4 percentage points in March 2013 to 7.7 percent from the February 2013 level of 7.3 percent. In March 2012, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.2 percent in March 2013. This is 0.2 percentage points higher than February 2013 but unchanged from the March 2012 level of 7.2 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	March 2013	February 2013	March 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,802.7	18,789.8	18,581.1	12.9	221.6
Employed ('000)	17,348.3	17,409.0	17,148.2	-60.7	200.1
Full-Time ('000)	13,889.0	13,915.9	13,717.5	-26.9	171.5
Part-Time ('000)	3,459.3	3,493.1	3,430.7	-33.8	28.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,454.4	1,380.8	1,432.8	73.6	21.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	7.3	7.7	0.4	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.2	7.0	7.2	0.2	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	65.9	65.9	65.9	0.0	0.0
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	570.5	567.8	550.3	2.7	20.2
Employed ('000)	547.7	546.2	522.0	1.5	25.7
Full-Time ('000)	445.4	445.3	425.6	0.1	19.8
Part-Time ('000)	102.3	100.9	96.4	1.4	5.9
Unemployed ('000)	22.8	21.7	28.3	1.1	-5.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	3.8	5.1	0.2	-1.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	3.9	3.8	4.8	0.1	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	69.3	68.2	0.2	1.3
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,257.6	2,263.9	2,226.4	-6.3	31.2
Employed ('000)	2,146.8	2,159.3	2,109.4	-12.5	37.4
Full-Time ('000)	1,807.9	1,809.4	1,742.3	-1.5	65.6
Part-Time ('000)	338.9	349.9	367.2	-11.0	-28.3
Unemployed ('000)	110.8	104.6	117.0	6.2	-6.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.6	5.3	0.3	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.8	4.5	5.2	0.3	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	72.0	72.4	73.2	-0.4	-1.2
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	663.1	664.5	656.9	-1.4	6.2
Employed ('000)	629.5	629.4	621.7	0.1	7.8
Full-Time ('000)	496.8	498.7	495.5	-1.9	1.3
Part-Time ('000)	132.7	130.6	126.2	2.1	6.5
Unemployed ('000)	33.6	35.1	35.2	-1.5	-1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	5.3	5.4	-0.2	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	4.9	5.3	0.1	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	68.6	68.4	-0.2	0.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	March 2013	February 2013	March 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	570.5	567.8	550.3	2.7	20.2
Male	305.7	304.1	296.1	1.6	9.6
Female	264.8	263.7	254.2	1.1	10.6
15-24 Years of Age	89.8	90.4	88.4	-0.6	1.4
25+ Years of age	480.7	477.4	461.9	3.3	18.8
EMPLOYED ('000)	547.7	546.2	522.0	1.5	25.7
Male	292.6	292.4	280.0	0.2	12.6
Female	255.1	253.8	242.0	1.3	13.1
15-24 Years of Age	81.6	82.6	81.0	-1.0	0.6
25+ Years of age	466.2	463.6	441.0	2.6	25.2
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	22.8	21.7	28.3	1.1	-5.5
Male	13.1	11.8	16.1	1.3	-3.0
Female	9.7	9.9	12.2	-0.2	-2.5
15-24 Years of Age	8.3	7.8	7.4	0.5	0.9
25+ Years of age	14.5	13.8	20.9	0.7	-6.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	4.0	3.8	5.1	0.2	-1.1
Male	4.3	3.9	5.4	0.4	-1.1
Female	3.7	3.8	4.8	-0.1	-1.1
15-24 Years of Age	9.2	8.6	8.4	0.6	0.8
25+ Years of age	3.0	2.9	4.5	0.1	-1.5
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.5	69.3	68.2	0.2	1.3
Male	74.9	74.6	74.0	0.3	0.9
Female	64.2	64.0	62.5	0.2	1.7
15-24 Years of Age	65.7	66.2	64.8	-0.5	0.9
25+ Years of age	70.3	69.9	68.9	0.4	1.4

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	March 2013	February 2013	March 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	41.5	40.4	33.9	1.1	7.6
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.6	25.7	25.9	-1.1	-1.3
Utilities	5.0	4.8	5.3	0.2	-0.3
Construction	45.9	44.8	38.0	1.1	7.9
Manufacturing	26.9	27.9	27.3	-1.0	-0.4
Trade	84.5	84.9	77.8	-0.4	6.7
Transportation and Warehousing	25.7	25.1	25.6	0.6	0.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.4	28.9	31.3	-0.5	-2.9
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	27.5	25.8	25.4	1.7	2.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.9	11.0	11.8	-0.1	-0.9
Educational Services	48.0	47.7	45.8	0.3	2.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	74.2	73.8	67.7	0.4	6.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	17.3	18.0	17.1	-0.7	0.2
Accommodation and Food Services	30.9	31.1	33.9	-0.2	-3.0
Other Services	27.2	27.8	25.2	-0.6	2.0
Public Administration	29.2	28.4	29.9	0.8	-0.7
Total	547.7	546.2	522.0	1.5	25.7
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	445.4	445.3	425.6	0.1	19.8
Part-Time	102.3	100.9	96.4	1.4	5.9
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	438.1	441.0	424.8	-2.9	13.3
Public Sector	142.4	141.6	137.2	0.8	5.2
Private Sector	295.7	299.4	287.6	-3.7	8.1
Self-Employed	109.7	105.2	97.2	4.5	12.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	March 2013	February 2013	March 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,348.3	17,409.0	17,148.2	-60.7	200.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	224.6	223.8	217.5	0.8	7.1
Prince Edward Island	70.7	70.5	67.6	0.2	3.1
Nova Scotia	442.9	440.2	442.3	2.7	0.6
New Brunswick	338.1	340.6	333.7	-2.5	4.4
Quebec	3,929.9	3,942.4	3,871.3	-12.5	58.6
Ontario	6,740.8	6,770.2	6,685.1	-29.4	55.7
Manitoba	629.5	629.4	621.7	0.1	7.8
Saskatchewan	547.7	546.2	522.0	1.5	25.7
Alberta	2,146.8	2,159.3	2,109.4	-12.5	37.4
British Columbia	2,277.3	2,286.5	2,277.7	-9.2	-0.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.7	7.3	7.7	0.4	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.0	13.0	14.4	1.0	-0.4
Prince Edward Island	14.1	13.7	13.1	0.4	1.0
Nova Scotia	10.3	10.1	9.3	0.2	1.0
New Brunswick	12.1	11.3	11.6	0.8	0.5
Quebec	8.7	8.2	8.8	0.5	-0.1
Ontario	8.0	7.7	7.8	0.3	0.2
Manitoba	5.1	5.3	5.4	-0.2	-0.3
Saskatchewan	4.0	3.8	5.1	0.2	-1.1
Alberta	4.9	4.6	5.3	0.3	-0.4
British Columbia	7.3	6.7	7.1	0.6	0.2

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	March 2013	February 2013	March 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,641.9	17,696.4	17,438.6	-54.5	203.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	235.1	234.4	228.2	0.7	6.9
Prince Edward Island	75.0	75.2	72.0	-0.2	3.0
Nova Scotia	455.8	452.9	456.2	2.9	-0.4
New Brunswick	351.2	353.3	347.0	-2.1	4.2
Quebec	4,019.8	4,036.6	3,958.2	-16.8	61.6
Ontario	6,840.9	6,858.3	6,784.8	-17.4	56.1
Manitoba	638.8	636.8	631.1	2.0	7.7
Saskatchewan	554.7	552.3	530.2	2.4	24.5
Alberta	2,167.9	2,179.2	2,131.1	-11.3	36.8
British Columbia	2,302.6	2,317.4	2,299.8	-14.8	2.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.2	7.0	7.2	0.2	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.3	11.7	12.9	0.6	-0.6
Prince Edward Island	12.1	11.6	11.3	0.5	0.8
Nova Scotia	9.5	9.3	8.5	0.2	1.0
New Brunswick	10.5	10.1	10.3	0.4	0.2
Quebec	7.7	7.4	7.8	0.3	-0.1
Ontario	7.7	7.7	7.4	0.0	0.3
Manitoba	5.0	4.9	5.3	0.1	-0.3
Saskatchewan	3.9	3.8	4.8	0.1	-0.9
Alberta	4.8	4.5	5.2	0.3	-0.4
British Columbia	7.0	6.3	7.0	0.7	0.0

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	March 2013	February 2013	March 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.8	6.8	8.2	0.0	-1.4
Halifax	6.7	6.4	6.3	0.3	0.4
Saint John	9.1	9.2	8.9	-0.1	0.2
Quebec	5.3	5.1	5.8	0.2	-0.5
Montreal	8.6	8.1	9.8	0.5	-1.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.3	6.0	5.9	0.3	0.4
Greater Sudbury	8.3	7.9	7.8	0.4	0.5
Toronto	8.2	7.9	8.3	0.3	-0.1
Winnipeg	5.6	5.4	5.9	0.2	-0.3
Regina	3.6	3.6	4.1	0.0	-0.5
Saskatoon	3.9	4.4	6.0	-0.5	-2.1
Calgary	5.1	4.9	4.9	0.2	0.2
Edmonton	4.4	4.3	5.8	0.1	-1.4
Vancouver	7.0	6.4	6.6	0.6	0.4
Victoria	5.7	5.6	5.5	0.1	0.2
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	171.9	171.8	165.6	0.1	6.3
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.3	52.3	46.8	1.0	6.5
Saskatoon-Biggar	186.8	185.4	174.5	1.4	12.3
Yorkton-Melville	39.1	39.5	39.4	-0.4	-0.3
Prince Albert & Northern	95.3	94.8	95.1	0.5	0.2

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	March 2013	February 2013	March 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	568.6	566.5	549.6	2.1	19.0
Employed ('000)	545.7	543.1	520.8	2.6	24.9
Unemployed ('000)	22.9	23.4	28.8	-0.5	-5.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	4.1	5.2	-0.1	-1.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	69.2	68.2	0.2	1.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.6	66.3	64.6	0.3	2.0
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	521.7	519.7	503.3	2.0	18.4
Employed ('000)	504.5	502.4	481.9	2.1	22.6
Unemployed ('000)	17.1	17.3	21.5	-0.2	-4.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.3	4.3	0.0	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	69.6	68.5	0.2	1.3
Employment Rate (%)	67.5	67.3	65.5	0.2	2.0
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	46.9	46.8	46.3	0.1	0.6
Employed ('000)	41.2	40.7	39.0	0.5	2.2
Unemployed ('000)	5.7	6.1	7.3	-0.4	-1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.2	13.0	15.8	-0.8	-3.6
Participation Rate (%)	65.2	65.1	65.5	0.1	-0.3
Employment Rate (%)	57.3	56.7	55.2	0.6	2.1
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	18.2	18.4	19.2	-0.2	-1.0
Employed ('000)	15.2	15.4	15.1	-0.2	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	3.0	3.0	4.0	0.0	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.4	16.4	20.9	0.0	-4.5
Participation Rate (%)	57.6	58.2	61.9	-0.6	-4.3
Employment Rate (%)	48.2	48.7	49.0	-0.5	-0.8
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Labour Force ('000)	28.7	28.4	26.9	0.3	1.8
Employed ('000)	25.9	25.3	23.6	0.6	2.3
Unemployed ('000)	2.7	3.1	3.3	-0.4	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.6	10.8	12.3	-1.2	-2.7
Participation Rate (%)	71.3	70.7	68.1	0.6	3.2
Employment Rate (%)	64.5	63.1	59.7	1.4	4.8

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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